

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
5 by changing Section 10-92 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 665/10-92)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2019)

8 Sec. 10-92. Tuition affordability discount ~~waiver~~
9 ~~limitation pilot~~ program.

10 (a) The General Assembly makes all of the following
11 findings:

12 (1) Both access and affordability are important points
13 in the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career
14 Success.

15 (2) This State is in the top quartile with respect to
16 the percentage of family income needed to pay for college.

17 (3) Research suggests that as loan amounts increase,
18 versus grants-in-aid, the probability of college
19 attendance decreases.

20 (4) There is further research indicating socioeconomic
21 status may affect the willingness of students to use loans
22 to attend college.

23 (5) Strategic use of tuition discounting ~~waivers~~ will

1 decrease the amount of loans that students must use to pay
2 for tuition.

3 (6) A modest, individually tailored tuition discount
4 ~~waiver~~ can make the difference in choosing to attend
5 college and would enhance college access for low (up to
6 150% of the federal poverty level) and middle income (151%
7 to 300% of the federal poverty level) families.

8 (7) Even if the federally calculated financial need for
9 college attendance is met, the federally determined
10 Expected Family Contribution can still be a daunting
11 amount.

12 (8) This State is the second largest exporter of
13 students in the country.

14 (9) Illinois students need to be kept in this State.
15 State universities in other states have adopted pricing and
16 incentives that make college expenses for residents of this
17 State less than in this State.

18 (10) A mechanism is needed to stop the outflow of
19 Illinois students to institutions in other states,
20 assisting in State efforts to maintain and educate a highly
21 trained workforce.

22 (11) By being competitive on costs of attendance, this
23 State can bring out-of-state students to this State.

24 (12) The ~~pilot~~ program established under this Section
25 will allow Eastern Illinois University to compete for
26 highly qualified students who may reside in other states by

1 mitigating the effect of cost differences.

2 (13) Modest tuition discounts ~~waivers~~, individually
3 targeted and tailored, result in enhanced revenue for
4 university programs.

5 (14) By increasing Eastern Illinois University's
6 capacity to strategically use tuition discounting ~~waivers~~,
7 the University will be capable of creating enhanced tuition
8 revenue by increasing enrollment yields.

9 (15) The Board of Higher Education's current
10 institutional tuition waiver limitation is 3% of total
11 available undergraduate tuition revenue.

12 (b) The Board shall establish a ~~pilot~~ program to increase
13 the Board of Higher Education's institutional tuition waiver
14 limitation for the university over a 4-year period to increase
15 access to college and make college more affordable for
16 undergraduate students. Under the ~~pilot~~ program, the
17 institutional tuition waiver limitation shall be increased by 2
18 percentage points in the 2012-2013 academic year, 2 percentage
19 points in the 2013-2014 academic year, 2 percentage points in
20 the 2014-2015 academic year, and one percentage point in the
21 2015-2016 academic year, resulting in an institutional tuition
22 waiver limitation of 10% in the fourth year of the ~~pilot~~
23 program and thereafter.

24 (c) The ~~pilot~~ program shall require that students who
25 receive a tuition discount ~~waiver~~ under the ~~pilot~~ program be
26 accepted to the university through normal admissions standards

1 and processes. Individual tuition discounts ~~waivers~~ granted
2 under the ~~pilot~~ program must not exceed \$2,500 per academic
3 year. The ~~pilot~~ program shall provide a maximum of one discount
4 ~~waiver~~ per academic year for a maximum of 4 years to each
5 student in the ~~pilot~~ program who maintains satisfactory
6 academic progress. ~~The pilot program shall be terminated after~~
7 ~~the 2015-2016 academic year, with no new students receiving~~
8 ~~waivers. However, notwithstanding the Board of Higher~~
9 ~~Education's institutional tuition waiver limitation, existing~~
10 ~~students receiving waivers under the pilot program are eligible~~
11 ~~to maintain those waivers, with satisfactory academic~~
12 ~~progress, under the 4-year limitation, after the 2015-2016~~
13 ~~academic year due to maintenance of effort within their 4-year~~
14 ~~window.~~ Sunset dates for discounted ~~waiver~~ support shall be
15 based upon the first academic year in which a student receives
16 a discount ~~waiver~~. ~~The sunset dates are as follows for each~~
17 ~~annual cohort of pilot program participants:~~

18 ~~(1) Cohort 1: the beginning year is 2012-2013 and the~~
19 ~~terminal year is 2015-2016.~~

20 ~~(2) Cohort 2: the beginning year is 2013-2014 and the~~
21 ~~terminal year is 2016-2017.~~

22 ~~(3) Cohort 3: the beginning year is 2014-2015 and the~~
23 ~~terminal year is 2017-2018.~~

24 ~~(4) Cohort 4: the beginning year is 2015-2016 and the~~
25 ~~terminal year is 2018-2019.~~

26 (d) Every 2 years, the ~~The~~ Board shall ~~annually~~ report to

1 the Board of Higher Education on the ~~pilot~~ program's impact on
2 tuition revenue, enrollment goals, and increasing access and
3 affordability on such dates as the Board of Higher Education
4 shall determine.

5 (e) The Board of Higher Education may adopt any rules that
6 are necessary to implement this Section.

7 (f) (Blank). ~~This Section is repealed on July 1, 2019.~~

8 (Source: P.A. 97-290, eff. 8-10-11.)